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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-17 as follows:

A 1. (Amended) A method of hydroentangling polymer fibers to manufacture a nonwoven fabric, comprising imparting to the polymer fibers, at the moment of hydroentangling, a temperature equal to or exceeding the glass transition temperature (Tg) of the polymer fiber and being less than the melting point of the polymer fiber.

2. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber has an initial modulus ≥ 50 cN/tex, at room temperature.